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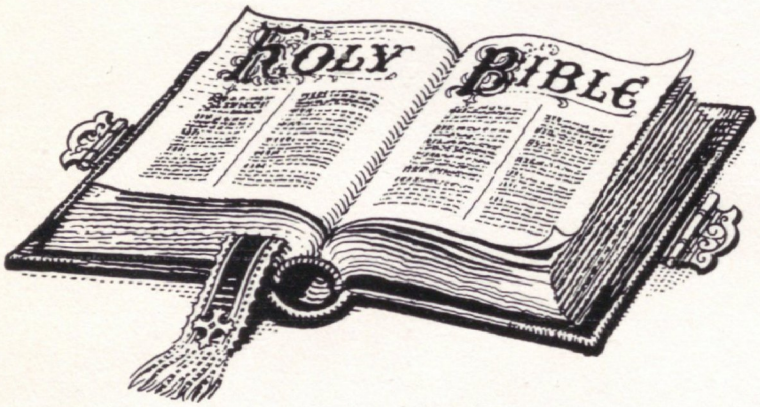

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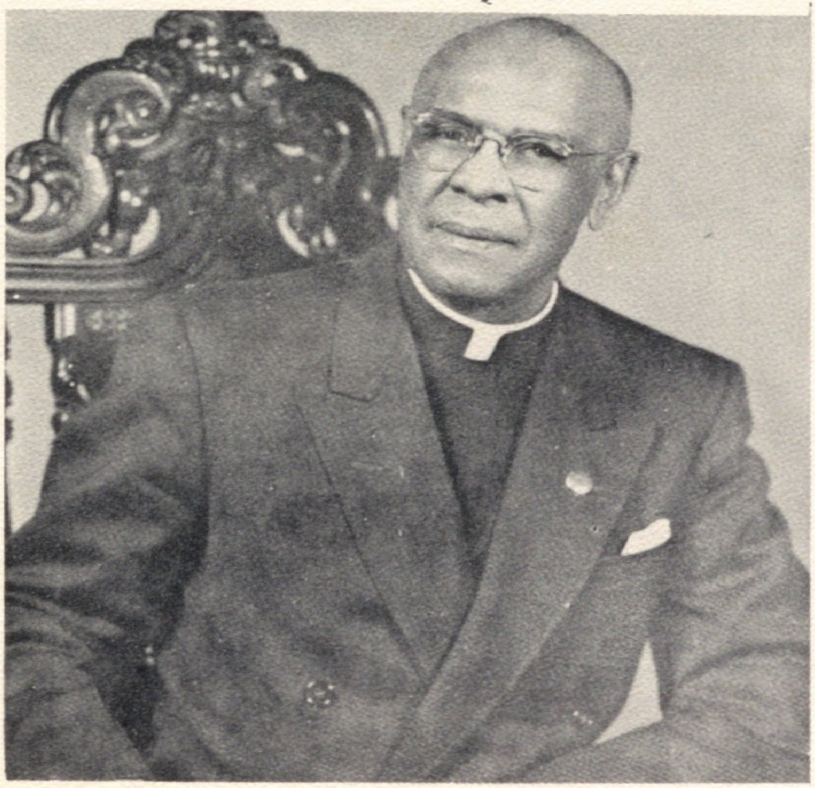
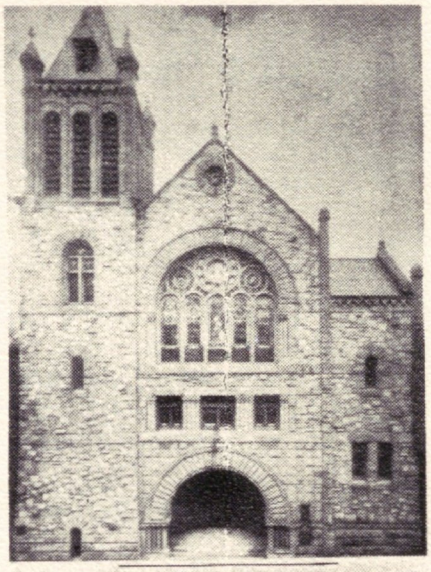
DEDICATION To Rev. H. J. Parker

Literally and figuratively our own "Pastor" is a man of many gestures. He is also a wonderful teacher, an earnest counselor, a reliable friend and one of the outstanding Ministers of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. For these and many more reasons The Chronicle of the Greater St. James A.M.E. Church is lovingly dedicated to a dedicated person—Rev. Henry J. Parker.



Bishop Richard Allen Founder of A.M.E. Church



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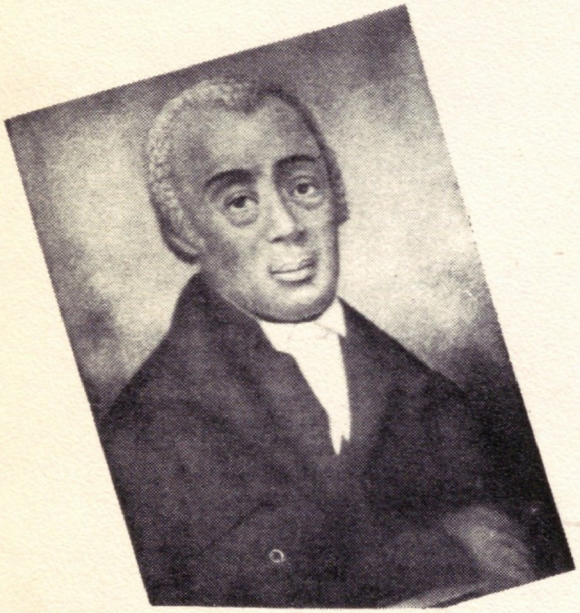
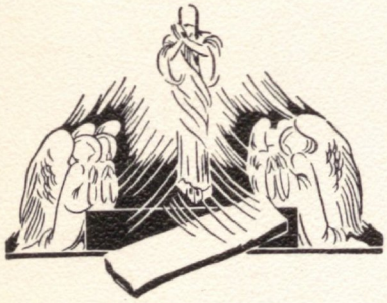


BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN,
Our first Bishop.

Wife of Bishop Allen is Mrs.
SARAH ALLEN

The present Bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District is the Bishop Joseph Gomey. Bishop Gomey dedicated the remodeling of Greater St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 27, 1960.

Founders of the Greater St. James Church



Mrs. Freddie Freeney, Mrs. Martina James, Rev. James Dickerson, Mrs. Allie Allen, Mrs. Roxie Pendleton, Mrs. Cora Harris, Mr. Louis Kendrick, Mr. Thomas Harris.

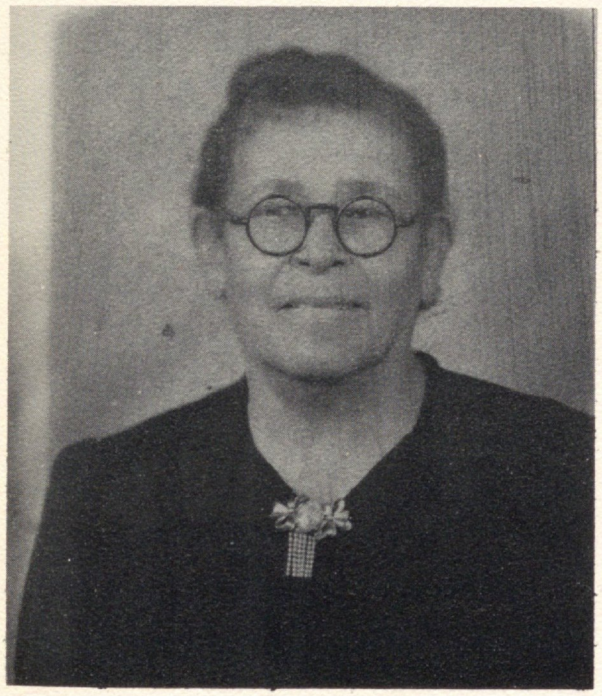
Biography of Henry J. Parker

REV. and MRS. HENRY J. PARKER

Pastor, Greater St. James A.M.E. Church

His sole purpose was to go into some kind of commercial business after doing his high school work in the Roosevelt High School of Sioux City, Iowa. He enrolled in the Sioux City National Business College, it was then he was brought into the knowledge of being called to preach the Gospel. Then he attended the Morning Side College of Sioux City, from there he entered John Fletcher College of Oskaloosa Iowa, after that he took a correspondence course from St. Louis, Michigan.

Rev. Parker, was ordained Elder by the late Bishop A. L. Gains, at Council Bluff Iowa, in 1927, my first full time pastorage was at Newton, Ia. We remodeled the parsonage from top to bottom and built a new garage and paid for it, from there we went to Oskaloosa, Ia. and there we built a modern seven room parsonage and garage from the ground up and paid for it. We went to Waterloo, Ia. in the depression days there we remodeled the church from top to bottom paid for it and entertained the North West Annual Conference that first welcomed the late Bishop J. A. Gregg, to the Fourth Episcopal District. From there we were sent to Des Moines, Ia. where we paid off the indebtedness and renovated the parsonage and entertained the North West Annual Conference again. From there we were sent to Ottumwa, Ia. we paid that church out of debt and was transfered by the late Bishop Gregg, to the Illinois Annual Conference and stationed at Decatur, Ill. We burned a $23,000.00, mortgage and remodeled the church and parsonage from top to bottom and put the church on a business financial base. It was at Decatur we entertained the last testimonial that was given the late Bishop J. A. Gregg, by the Fourth Episcopal District, then he was transferred from the Fourth Episcopal District.



MRS. EMMA PARKER,
Mother of
REV. H. J. PARKER

It was while we were in Decatur that we had the honor of welcoming Bishop George W. Baber, to hold the first Illinois Annual Conference when he first came to the Fourth Episcopal District. We left $1,300.00 in the treasury when we were sent from there after eight years of service to the church in Danville, Ill. Where we put the church on a sound financial base and bought a lot for a new church home and paid cash for it. We are happy to know that our good brother the Rev. W. E. Whorton, has built the folks a beautiful church. Yes it is the fulfillment of my dreams.

From Danville, Bishop Baber transferred us to the Chicago Annual Conference, and was stationed at Greater St. James A.M.E. to a people that had a mind to work, but was waiting for the kind of leadership that we had to offer. This church and parsonage needed everything. We praise God, for being able to supply all its needs in our five year plan in reaching our goal. It would take to much time and paper to give in detail all the things that has been done.

But on a contract bases it is a job that would cost approximately 50,000.00, and it is all paid for.

My record as a minister of thirty years in the A.M.E. Church I have built, remodeled and paid debts everywhere we have pastored, but never left a church in debt.

This is an un-disputable record of Rev. Henry J. Parker in the church he loves.

History of Our Church

Origin of St. James A.M.E. Church which was organized August 10, 1920 at the old Jackson street school on 25th avenue at Jackson street under the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Dickerson. At this meeting six were present, Rev. J. A. Dickerson, Mother Ellen Wilson Nellie Nettles, Martina James, Ephraim Pendleton, and Isaac McDouell. After we were organized, Sister Martina James gave us the name of St. James for the church names it after her.

We then began seeking for a place to worship. The Steel Mill had given Delaney Church a place, so they let us have service there when they were not having service—this was on 15th and Carolina. We had service there about a year then we rented a store front on 15th and Adams. We only stayed there four or five months, then we rented a larger place on the corner of 24th and Washington. By this time our membership had increased greatly, so we began working toward securing a location for a permanent church home. Charter members of the project were; Thomas Harris, Ephraim Pendleton, Enoch Dickerson, Jimmie Dickerson. Louis Kendrick, Louis Steward, Elijah Pendleton, Frank Freeney, G. C. Allen, Isaac McDouell, Allie Allen, Cora Harris, Roxie Pendleton, Freddie Freeney, Martina James, Ellen Wilson, Iola Galloway, Nellie Nettles, Pastor Rev. J. A. Dickerson, Presiding Elder, Rev. A. J. McCrakin, Church Secretary Allie Allen, Sunday School Superintendent Elijah Pendleton, Organist Blossom Lane, Director Margaret Morgan. We went to Mr. Fred A. Rymimgstein who had several lots in the city, and he kindly consented to let us have a lot on 26th and Jackson, after seeing that we were striving so hard to get a church he also gave us an old garage that he had in East Gary. We moved the garage to our lot and fixed it up like a church. We stayed there four years. Then we purchased our present lot on 26th and Massachusetts, and moved our building to it. By this time the membership had increased and we had to enlarge the building. Every thing was going along so beautifully, then we decided to build a new brick church. We had more good, conscientious members added to our group by this time. They were; Clara Webster Herbert Caldwell, Belle Caldwell, Chanie McDaniels, Lee Rooks, Orean Moreland, Frankie McReynolds, William Connors, William Webster, Charles Caldwell, Alexander Sneed, Herman Hunter, Pinkey Dickerson, Ella Mae Butler, Mary Sneed, Appie Mitchell, Maggie Pendleton, Mary Rooks, Hattie B. Caldwell, Annie Robinson, Annie Byrd, and others. We started working for our new church. Everyone worked hard and faithful. We had several pastors during these four years and on December 9th through 14, 1928 we had dedicatory service for our new St. James A.M.E. Church under the pastorate of Rev. D. H. Byrd, Presiding Elder Rev. S. L. Birt, Bishop Rt. Rev. A. J. Carey, Evangelist Clara Webster. After this, the church moved on.

As We Walk the Path of Progress

Then down through the years, members began to pass, some moved to other places, some changed their membership, and St. James began to slow down. Through these trying years, we had several pastors to come and go. Rev. Morgan Davis, Rev. J. D. Coleman, Rev. N. Reed, Rev. J. L. Poole, Rev. T. H. Jenkins, Rev. S. B. Washington, Rev. D. H. Harris, Rev. A. Lewis Williams, Rev. W. W. Harris, Rev. Alfred Knowles.

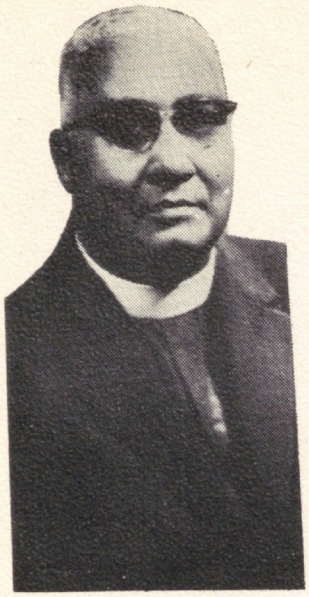
In 1954 Rev. H. J. Parker and wife Beatrice came to us. They found St. James needed quite a lot of work, materially and spiritually.

The plaster was cracked, floor bad, windows needing repairs, doors sagging, seats broken and scarred, building smoked and dirty, furnace worn out, piano worn out, and so many things needed to be done. The membership had decreased, the attendance slowed down, most of the youth had gone to other churches. Rev. Parker called a church conference, and brought to us a budget system whereby the church could be operated on a sound and economical basis, he reorganized the church, and it was by this system that the church began to move forward again. During these five years of his administration we have completely remodeled the church upstairs and down purchased new pews, a new organ, a new piano, new furnace, new kitchen fully equipped, hot water heater, dinning room furnishings, 150 chairs for down stairs, furnishings for pastor's study, ladies' room, mens' room, concreted the walkway at the church, insulated and plastered the ceiling, landscaped around the church, purchased a bulletin board, completely remodeled the parsonage, built a new garage at the parsonage, and built a concrete driveway. All of this work is completed and paid for on cash basis.

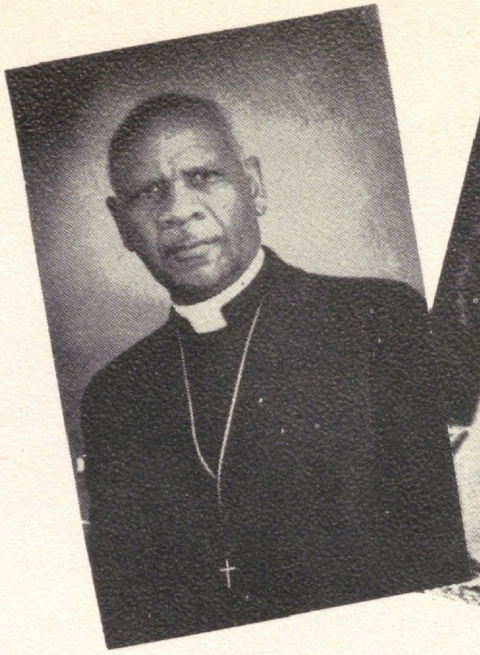
Under Rev. Parkers pastorate, we have organized Stewardess Board No. 2, Parkerettes club, Male Chorus, Allen Stars, Youth Guild, Busy Cotillions Club, and Flower Guild, and Usher Board No. 3, have reorganized, improved, and increased the following; Steward Board, Stewardess Board No. 1, Trustee Board, Trustee Aid, Pastors Aid, Missionary, A.C.E. League, Sunday School, Gospel Chorus, Senior Choir, Community Club, Willing Workers Club, Junior Choir.

By the pastor and members giving free labor, night and day in the heat and cold, financial sacrifices, tireing efforts and with the co-operation from the membership, we have had joy in sharing the great responsibility that confronted us and by climbing the ladder round by round we have reached the goal for which we are grateful to God, and we can now enjoy our blessing knowing that we now have a Greater St. James A. M. E. Church.

Compiled by
MRS. PRISCILLA NUNA



Senior Presiding Elder
ROBERT THOMAS
of the Chicago Conference

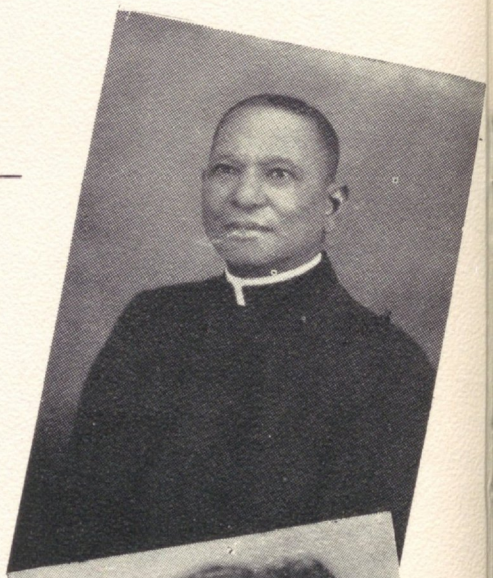


REV. G. R. DAVIS & WIFE
Present Presiding Elder
of East District

Presiding Elders

REV. & MRS. H. E. WALDEN
of Grant Memorial Church,
Chicago, Illinois

Who has been of great
inspiration and close
friends to the Parkers



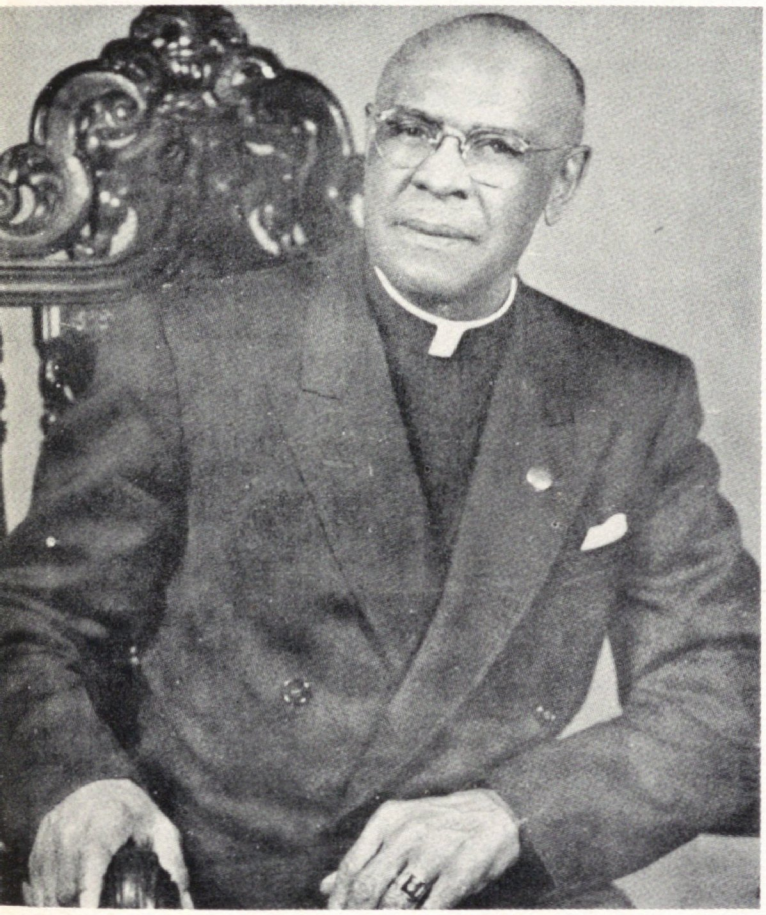
Former Presiding Elder
of the East District

REV. J. D. COSTON & WIFE

"These Are They"

Rev. 7th Chapter
14th Verse

A MESSAGE THAT IS DEDICATED TO THE LOYAL MEMBERS OF GREATER ST. JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH BY THE PASTOR



ST. JOHN 1-6

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

In my opinion God, doesn't choose men because of what they are but because of their potentiality.

It is a high honor for one to be chosen of God. When John, came into the knowledge of his responsibility he began preaching on the banks of the river of Jordan.

If one is sent from God, they are sent for a purpose, and if they give themselves to the purpose of which they are sent, God, will make their labor a success in every age and generation. God, sends a man for such times.

So we praise God, for having brought us to the point where we can dedicate our ultimate goal of five years labor. John's responsibility was to prepare the way of the Lord. It is not for us to question God's purpose but to give ourselves in service as it relates to the will of God.

We are convinced that Moses never would have delivered Israel from bondage if he had not been sent from God.

The loyal members of the Greater St. James A.M.E. are now on their way to the Promised Land. May God continue to give you courage and faith that you may continue to go forward for it does not yet appear what your influence shall be in the days that are yet ahead.

There were three things that were required to accomplish this goal, first Leadership, second Organization, third Co-operation.

Your Pastor Henry J. Parker

Our Greater St. James -- "Who's Who"

These are the names of the members who made it possible for the remodeling of Greater St. James A.M.E. Church

From 1954 to 1959

Alexander, Parthenia
Allen, Allie
Barren, Pinkie
Beasley, Emma
Bonner, Hassie
Bruce, Jake
Baker, Maggie
Benford, Johnson
Benford, Beatrice
Bacote, Katie
Brown, William
Brown, Tommy
Brown, Rose Mae
Brown, Man
Baggett, Etta
Bishop, Minnie
Boyde, Annie Mae
Bullocks, Jeanetta
Buckner, Georgean
Boatman, Gwenanada
Bruce, William
Bruce, Christine
Buckner, Victoria
Burns, Loretta
Caldwell, Belle
Cladwell, Ethel Morten
Caldwell, Herbert
Caldwell, Nadie Bell
Caldwell, Rollie
Carter, Enoch
Carter, M. L. Evanglist
Cole, Earsie Lee
Coleman, Lucille
Coutte', Douglas
Coutte', Georgia
Coutte', Marvin
Coutte', Roosevelt
Crockett, Ann
Chisholm, Fannie
Calhoum, Gwendolyn
Calvin, Charles
Curtis, Nebraska
Cook, Stella
Chism, Lois
Dickerson, Alice
Dickerson, Katherine
Dickerson, Enoch
Dickerson, Henry
Dickerson, J. A. Rev.
Dickerson, J. M. Sr.
Dickerson Pinkie
Dickerson, Tommy
Dickerson, L. A.
Dickerson, Minnie
Dickerson, Robert
Dillard, Annie
Douglas, Helen

Drinkard, Mattie
Drinkard, Sarah
Dunlap, Frances
Davis, Ruth
Evans, Jessie
English, Wornie Lee
Finey, William
Fletcher, Mary
Foreman, Cosley L.
Foreman, Mary
Freeney, Fred
Freeney, Feddie
Freeney, Edward
Freeney, Eddyne Mae
Fuggett, Lena
Geeter, Benjamin
Geeter, Leeida
Geeter, Marie
Geeter, Norman
Gober, Mary Evanglist
Green, Marie
Greer, Flossie
Gentry, Eloise
Greer, Lula .
Gober, Clifford Rev.
Hairlson, Grover
Hamer, Mary
Harris, Cora
Harris, Druscilla
Harris, Robert
Harris, Gertrude
Harris, Joe
Harris, Hattie
Harris, Thomas
Holmes, Queen Esther
Hudson Aleas W.
Hudson, John W.
Hudson, Roy James
Hudson, Victoria
Hood, Eula Hunter
Hubbard, Mamie
Hughes, Rose
Hawkins, Elsie
Hendricks, Ora
Hill, Rosemary
Hall, Carl M.
Jackson, Harriet Steward
Jamison, James
Johnson, Percy
Jones, Joel
Jones, John Henry
Jones, Lillie Mae
Jones, Perryman
Jones, Sarah
Jones, Tommy H.
Jones, James Sr.
Jones, Olivia

Johnson, Ethel Lee
Johnson, Zora
Kendrick, Bose
Kendrick, Dolla Mae
Kendrick, James
Kendrick, Jim Edgar
Kendrick, Katie
Kendrick, Mary
Kendrick, Sallie
Kendrick, Turner
Kendrick, Louis
Lane Clarence Rev.
Larson, Harry
Larson Sallie
Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. D.
Leonard, Wiley
Leonard, Dorothy
Lee, Grant
Loper, James
Lawery, Sam
Mackey, Victoria
Mallard, Lula
Marble Johnnie Mae
Mason, Vivian
Mays, Joe
Mays, Vivian
Mack, Effie
McDaniel Powell
McDouell, Isaac
McDouell, Pother S.
McFarley, Louis C.
McFarley, Willie Lee
McReynolds, Alebrt
McReyonlds, Albertine
McReynolds, Daniel
McReynolds, Frankie
McReynolds, Marjorie
McReynolds, Valda Aurelia
Metcalf, Lela
Miller, Anna
Mitchell, Appie
Moore, Chanie
Moore, William
Morland, Orean
Moore, Cheffis
McCluskey, Hazel B.
Mason, Charles
McHome, Rose
Nunn, Albert
Nunn, Ernestine
Nunn, Erito
Nunn, Herman
Nunn, Kennith
Nunn, Lallie
Nunn, Priscilla
Nunn, Wayne
Nunn, Eura Jean

Nunn, Valla
Nunn, Grace
Nunn, Herman Jr.
Nunn, Eddie
Nunn, Lanier
Nunn, Quinten
Nunn, Daniel
Nunn, Sandra
Nunn, Geraldine
Nunn, Chica
Nunn, Michael
Olive, Cozetta
Owens, Bishop
Owens, Sarah
Pack, Martha
Parker, H. J. Rev.
Parker, Beatrice
Pearce, Eliza
Pendleton, Ephriam
Pendleton, Maggie
Pendleton, Pinkie
Pendleton, Roxie
Porter, Dasie
Powell, Labon
Primm, Arthur Jr.
Powell, Lincoln
Powell, Sara Ann
Perkins, Florentine
Reeves, Carrie
Reeves, Pearl
Reeves, Washington
Robinson, Anna
Robinson, Ethel
Robinson, Inez
Roe, Ada Belle
Roe, W. M. Rev.
Robinson, Henry
Robinson, Wendell
Robinson, Novella
Samuel, Mary J.
Scoggins, Mable
Scott, Madelyn
Sells, Eugenia
Session, James
Session, Mable
Smart, Elizabeth
Smith, Dorothy
Smith, Elzena
Smith, Freeman Rev.
Smith, Rezella
Smith, Shepherd
Smith Ozie Sr.
Smith, Rebecca
Smith, Homer
Stanley, Rodessia
Stanley, Thomas
Stanley, Maxine
Steward, Raymond
Summeroy, John W.
Steward, Minnie
Taylor, Moses
Thompson, Bernice
Thurman, Inez
Travis, John H.
Travis, Ernestine
Turnipseed, Ernestine
Turntine, Lillie
Twyman, Ella Mae
Turner, Jennye P.
Turner, Isabella
Turner, William R.
Toliver, Joan
Vanish, Jesse
Ware, Edward
Ware, Lillie B.
Ware, Robert
Ware, Susie Mae
Webster, Clara E.
Webter W. M.
White, Annie L.
White, Annie L.
White, Herman
White, Rose
Wiggins, Elwanda
Wiggins, Lewis
Williams, Hattie Lee
Williams, James L.
Williams, Robert
Williams, Elvester
Woods, Dorothy
Wimbly, Mary
Williams, Mae Ella

More "Who's Who"

Archie, Freddie Mae
Boyde, Annie Kate
Boyde, Elaine
Boyde, Reuben, Jr.
Bailey, Daisy
Brown, Doris
Campbell, Sarah
Campbell, Rodger
Chisholm, Delorse
Chisholm, Emma
Dunlap, Lillian
Dunlap, Addie Rose
Durr, Marion
English, Dorothy
English, Wornie
English, John
Geeter, Oavid
Geeter, Wilmer
Geeter, Billy
Grey, Louise
Gober, Clifford
Harris, Ella Mae
Holmes, Rachel
Hunter Ethelean
Hill, Wesley
Hudson, Geraldine
Hill, Fayth L.
Jones, Gladys
Jones, James Jr.
Jones, Thadues
Jones, Ronald
James Martina
Johnson, Jamesetta
Johnson, Robert Lee
Johnson, James C.
Johnson, Lois H.
Kendrick, Katie
Kendrick, Delorse
Lee, Sarah
Loper, Mattie
Loper, Mary Jo
Loper, Ardyce
Murphy, Ollie
Murry, Opal
Malone, Lovie
Malone, Robert
Meads, Pearlie
Mahome, Clinton
McCoughtry, Pearl
Nunn, Roy
Newell, Katherine
Orr, Juanita
Pendleton, John
Pendleton, Martha
Pendleton, Charles
Page, Robert
Pate, L. A.
Perry, David Rev.
Perry, Delorse
Robinson, Minnie
Smith, Ozie Jr.
Smith, Ozie Mae
Smith, Walter Mae
Smith, Estella
Smith, Corrie
Shelton, Mable
Shelton, Bernice
Steward Stella
Satterfield, Vernon
Satterfield, Bessie
Satterfield, Ann Marie
Satterfield, Rudolph
Satterfield, Brooksie
Satterfield, Barrymore
Satterfield, Pamela
Satterfield, Samuel
Satterfield, Virgie
Vanish Margie
Wimbly, Mary
Wyatt, Abbie
Wright, Mae S.
Wright, Charlie
Wright, Charlie Mae
White, Arthur Ann
Walker, Jimmie Lee
Walker, James Adam
Walker, Georgia Mae
Weatherspoon Anna
Wilson, Sam
Wilson, Marion

Other Members of the Congregation

Adams, Lurlee
Adams, Henry
Alston, Geneva
Bryson, Floyd
Burleson, Opal
Burleson, Vernard Sr.
Brown, Lutrisha
Brown, Mary Pearl
Brown, Josephine
Brown, Edward
Bacote, Shafter
Boyde, Reuben Sr.
Buffington, Johnnie
Boyd, Margaret
Bean, Robert
Bean, Gussie
Burns, Robert
Boyrington, Effie
Boyrington, Marlene
Britton, Jacqueline
Brown, Tommy Lee
Cook, Rubby
Campbell, Mener
Coutte' Chester
Casey Margaret
Casey, Lou Ethel
Casey, Eddie B.
Carroll, Mae Frances
Clark, Jamie
Coleman, Ann Ruth
Colbert, Charlotte
Crowell, Dorothy
Crowell, Howard
Collins, Doris
Crockett, Dannye
Clay, Willie
Dickerson, John G.
Dobbs, William
Dobbs, Della
Dobbs, John
Dobbs, Thelma
Drinkard, Willie
Doughtry, Mary
Eubanks, Dorothy
Ellis, Lou Ella
Frost, Robert
Franzier, Mercie Lee
Gardner, David
Grayson, Alvin
Gober, Julius
Gray Parlee
Golden, Elmore
Golden, Bennie L.
Goode, Lucellia
Grey, Rubby
Harris, Emma
Hudson, Earl
Hughley, Thomas

Hughley, Delorse
Hamblim, Shirley
Hopson, Geneva
Jones, Preston
Jones, Ruth
Jones, Franklin
Jones, Eliabeth
Jones, Cecil
Johnson, Willia
Johnson, Mae
Johnson, Johnnie Mae
Johnson, Emiko
Jackson, Henrine
James, Sandra

Jacols, Leona
Kelly, Earvene
Kelly, Lee Arthur
Kendrick, Arthur
Kendrick, Betty
Kendrick, Jerrdynn
London, Saddie
Lewis, Juanita
Moore, Willie
Moore, Arga
Madison, Linwood
Merriweather, Harvey
Martin, Vera
Macon, Leola

Macon, Cora
Millard, Loretta
McDaniel, Ida
McDouell, Gwendolyn
McDaniel, Otis
Nunn, Barsetta
Nunn, Otis
Nunn, Preston
Nunn, Addie
Nunn, Carl
Nunn, Rose Mae
Nunn, Austin
Nunn, Era Jean
Neal, Johnnie Mae
Neal, Elmorece
Pearce, Romina Preston
Powell, Edward
Pulliam, Phillip
Powell, Odessa
Parker, Willie Jr.
Perry, Douglas
Perry, Dennis
Perry, David Jr.
Roe, Henry
Roe, Don Albert
Robinson, Noami
Reed, Lervenia
Robinson, Pelmer
Rooks, Mary
Rooks, Lee
Rodgers, Kennith
Randolph, Gwendolyn
Reddus, Cartier
Ross, Willie James
Robinson, Agnes
Roman, Virgie
Smith, Alebrta
Samuel, R. L.
Shivers, Helen
Shannon, Natherine
Smith, LaVerna
Sangster, Goldsmith
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Trice, Theodore
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Tillman, Ethel
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Herbert Caldwell
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Marvin Coutee

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Sis. Channie Moore
Sis. Annie Dillard
Sis. Katie Kendrick
Sis. Mary Samuel
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Sis. Eliza Pearce

Mattie Loper
Leeida Geeter
Alease Hudson
Sarah Drinkard
Rebecca Smith
Sarah Jones
Loretta Burns
Rodessia Stanley
Victoria Mackey
Ersie Lee Cole
Ethel Caldwell
Annie Mae Boyde
Thomas Stanley
Grant Lee
Herbert Caldwell
Marvin Coutee
Queen E. Holmes
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PERSONS OF SOUND JUDGEMENT. A selected group that converses with the Pastor frequently and freely. They visit their members and report to the official board of their standing and to receive what they are willing to contribute for the support of the Gospel. Everyone cannot be a Class Leader.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY. The object of this society is to strengthen and extend the home and foreign mission work. They work to spread the knowledge of Christianity and convert people to it. Mrs. Beatrice Parker is the president. To work with this society is a great honor and a great help to carrying out the plans of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Missionary Society

Upstairs

Sunday School

"These Are They"

Downstairs

Youth Guild

THE YOUTH GUILD. An organization supervised by Mrs. Annie Mae Boyde. As long as these young people heed to the training they are receiving nothing but good can become of them. There is a long journey ahead — make the best out of your expedition.

Mrs. Annie Mae Boyde Supervisor

THE COTILLIONS. What makes an organization move upward? As long as we have trained personalities, with outstanding qualities of character to replace those that have served their time. Mrs. Vivian Mayes contributed her time and talent to aid in the accomplishment of this purpose. Our church will keep marching.

Cotillions

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E. William
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A. Dickerson
J. Orr
J. Orr
A. White
S. Cook
L. Geeter
V. Hudson
H. Dickerson
V. Mayes
W. Ross
G. Jones
S. Drinkard
A. Hudson
M. Geeter
B. Geeter
L. Green
S. Kendrick
R. Stewart
J. Session
R. Stanley

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Mrs. Leeida Geeter, Pres.

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Ethel Caldwell, President

Usher Board

No. 2

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Ethel Caldwell
Mary Wimberly
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Lois Chism
Ruby Cook
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Eugenia Sells
Ora Hendrick
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Mattie Loper
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Hazel McCluskey

Katie Bacote
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Lewis Wiggins
Novella Robinson
Martha Pendleton
Victoria Mackey
L. C. McFarley
Charlie Mason
Erito Nunn
William Bruce
John Pendleton
Floyd Bryson
L. A. Pate
James Loper
Wendell Robinson

Usher Board

No. 3

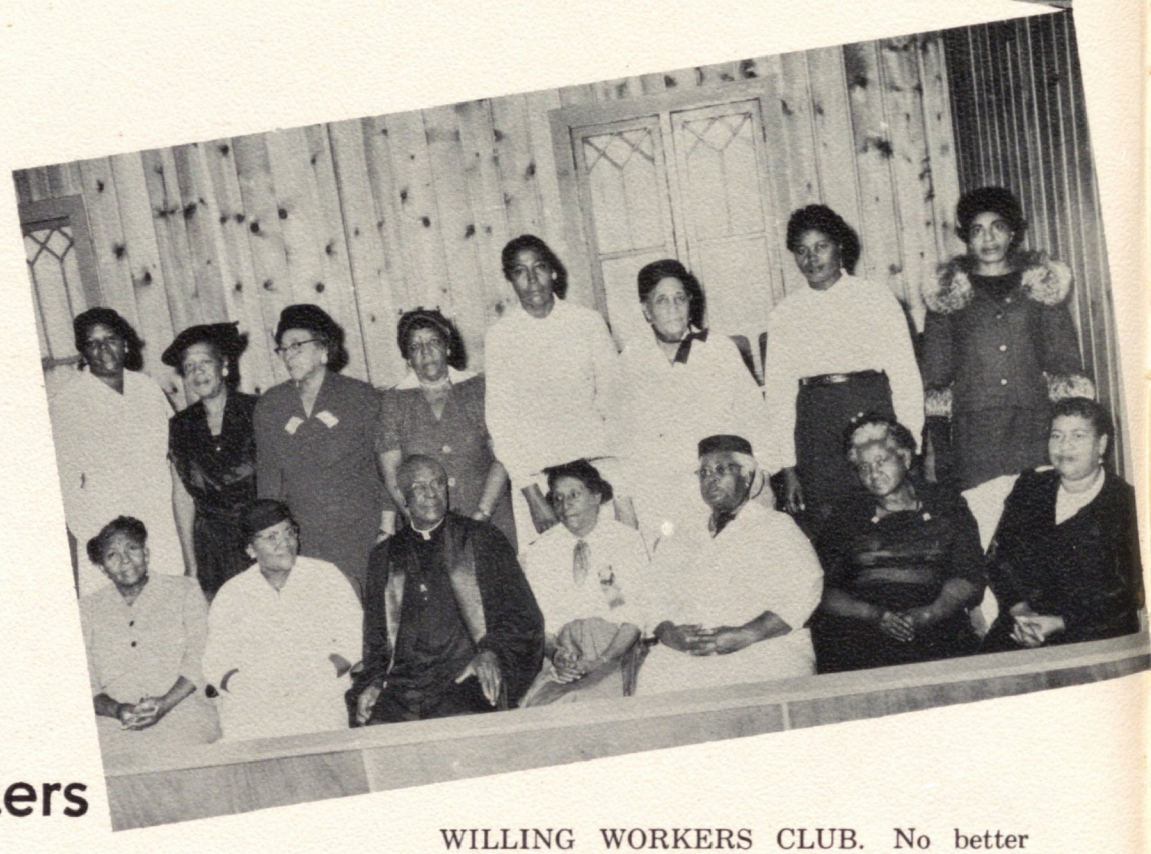
Young adults that have grown up in the church. Mrs. Elwanda Wiggins, Supervisor

Flower Guild

THE FLOWER GUILD represents the largest organization in the church. All the ladies of the church are members of this club. The church has beautiful cut flowers every Sunday morning. No member is ever forgotten. The credit goes to the flower guild and the president, Mrs. Rodessia Stanley, and Brother Stanley, assistant.

Georgean Buckner
Sarah Drinkard
William Bruce
Leida Geeter
Marie Geeter
Beatrice Parker
Percy Johnson
Benjamin Geeter
Lena Fuggett
Martinia James

Trustees Aid



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L. E. Nunn
Rev. H. J. Parker
Mrs. H. J Parker
Maggie Pendleton
Oren Morland
Carl M. Hall
Priscilla Nunn
Carrie Reeves
Allie Allen
Mary Foreman
Flossie Greer
Katie Kendrick
Elwanda Wiggins
Lula Mallard

Willing Workers

WILLING WORKERS CLUB. No better name could have been selected for this organization. We prize the name chosen, so cheerfully and readily we serve our brothers. We are proud of the abundance of opportunities we have to continue to work for our Soul Salvation.

Mrs. Katherine Dickerson, Pres.

They"

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Rachel Holmes
Rosa Mae Hill
Vivian Mayes
Martinia James
W. E. Finney
Georgia Coutee
Marvin Coutee
Beatrice Parker
Daisy Porter
Cora Harris

THE COMMUNITY CLUB. A group that represents the organization that purchased the building that is now the Parsonage and is set aside for the use of the Minister and his family. A great work we have done and greater work we hope to do.

Frankie McReynold, Pres.

Parkerettes

The name PARKERETTS was chosen in honor of their Pastor H. J. Parker. Forever and ever we hope this name will live as these young women continue to work for the up lifting of Christ's Kingdom. As Rev. Parker saw what wonderful work these young women could do he saw the need or organizing such a club. They have lived up to all expectations with Mrs. Willie L. McFarley as president.

Johnny Marble
Jennye Turner
Gertrude Harris
Susie Ware
Dorothy Smith
Minnie Bishop
Earsie Lee Cole
Bernice Thompson
Loretta Burns
Willie L. McFarley
Hattie Lee William
Dorthy Leonard
Margie McReynold

Gospel Chorus

Rev. H. J. Parker, Mrs. H. J. Parker, Frankie McReynold, Johnnie Marble, Rosa Mae Brown, Elizabeth Smart, Emma Lee Harris, Mammie Hubbard, Dorthy Smith, Georgia Coutee, Minnie Bishop, Bernice Thompson, Ersie Lee Cole, Willie Lee McFarley, Mary Kendrick, Hattie Le William, Perryman Jones, Jennye Turner, John Hudson, Roosevelt Coutee, Rosa Ma-Hone, Maggie Pendleton, Rosa Mae Hill, Susie Ware Gertrude Harris, James William, Albert McReynold, Tommy Dickerson, Edward Freeney, Herman White, Wiley Leonard, Douglas Coutee, Shepherd Smith, Arthur Primm and Chester Coutee.

THE GOSPEL CHORUS of Greater St. James A.M.E. Church. To the remodeling of the church they point with pride to the beautiful piano that matches the magnificent Organ in the Sanctuary. The wall to wall cabinets in the modern kitchen—as a part of the contributions made as they live up to their motto, "Service For Christ" We are marching to Zion. Gertrude Harris, President; Alebrt McReynolds, Director; Edward Freeney, Assistant Director; Perryman Jones, Pianist and Jennye Turner, Organist.

THE SENIOR CHOIR. This organization is one of the oldest of the Church who has rendered faithful service throughout the years singing anthems and hymns of Zion. Presently its leadership consists of:

Senior Choir

Mrs. Lillie Mae Jones, President
Mr. Powell McDaniel, Director
Jennye P. Turner, Organist
Perryman Jones, Pianist
Reading left to right,
Inez Robinson
Mrs. David Perry
Pearl Reeves
Georgean Buckner
Cora Harris
Daisy Porter
Fred Freeney
Ephriam Pendleton
Helen Douglas
Sarah Drinkard
Catherine Dickerson
Sarah Jones
Ruth Davis
Florentine Perkins
Frances Dunlap
Thomas Harris
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Phillip Pulliam

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THE MALE CHORUS of Greater St. James A.M.E. Church. Organized by the Rev. H. J. Parker. The originality of their singing will inspire anyone that listens to them. With three directors: Bro. Albert McReynold, Bro. Edward Freeney, Bro. Arthur Kendrick. We have no time to waste. We are willing and ready to serve you at any time.

Bro. Norman Geeter, Pres.

JUNIOR CHOIR. A group of young people that are being trained to lift their voices in song. Miss Eloise Gentry is doing a wonderful job in directing these young people and training them for service. Their beautiful uniform gives them a proud look and a desire to lead a life worthy of God and to enjoy singing God's praises. Some of these children will always be found in the choir as our church marches on.

ANN SATTERFIELD, President
MISS ELOISE GENTRY, and
MRS. JENNYE TURNER, Sponsors

Junior Choir

Pastor's Aid

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Leida Geeter
Rev. H. J. Parker
Georgean Buckner
Sarah Drinkard
Shepherd Smith
Annie Mae Boyd
Rodesia Stanley
Mable Session
Beatrice Parker
Priscilla Nunn
Elzena Smith (President)
Alvester Williams
Lillie Mae Jones

PASTOR'S AID ORGANIZATION. This organization works exclusively for the betterment of the Pastor and his respective family.

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Mrs. Leeida Geeter
Mrs. Helen Douglas
Mrs. Lillie M. Jones
Mrs. Ethel Caldwell
Mrs. Sarah Drinkard
Mrs. Priscilla Nunn
Rev. H. J. Parker

Editorial Staff

Education Board

THE ALLEN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LEAGUE — a part of the Christian Education department in the Church. They meet at the Church every Sunday afternoon for instruction. The superintendent is one of high Christian Character, intelligent, and loyal to the group. Mrs. Rose Mary Hill

Allen Christian Endeavor League

"These Are They"

THE ALLEN STARS MISSION was organied by Mrs. Beatrice Parker. As she looked into the future and saw the need of keeping our young people active in the church and giving them a training that would lead to a better life. These young people spend many happy hours with their leader. Each Sunday they serve in lifting the mission offering. To the Church they have presented the beautiful bulletin board in front of the church and the baptismal bowl. We see what progress is being made by these children under the leadership of Mrs. Beatrice Parker.

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Vivian Mackerel ..... *Den Mother*
Dorothy Williams ..... *Den Mother*

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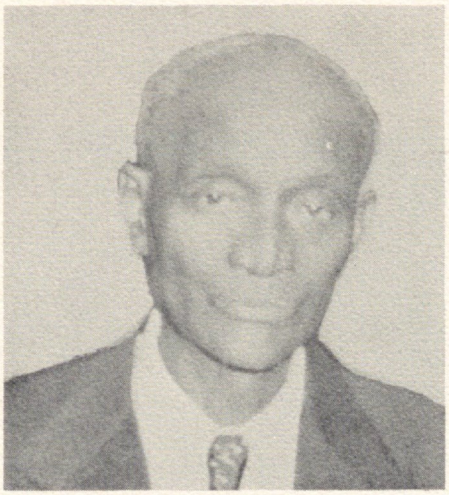

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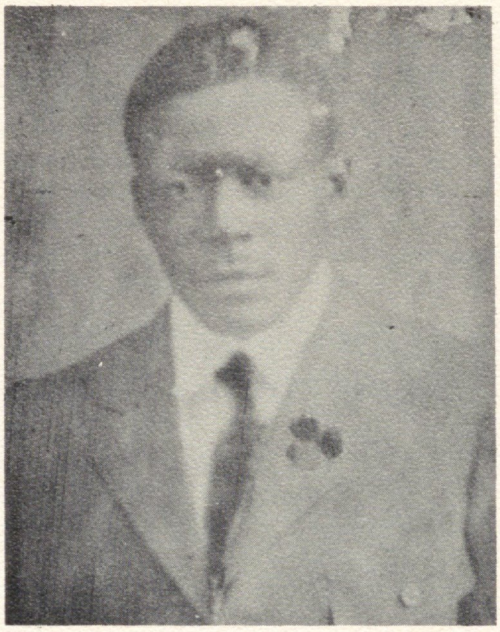

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Wife and Children

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Mrs. Olga J. Moore

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Wife — Mrs. Chanie Moore

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Daughters:

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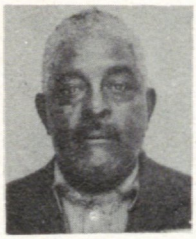

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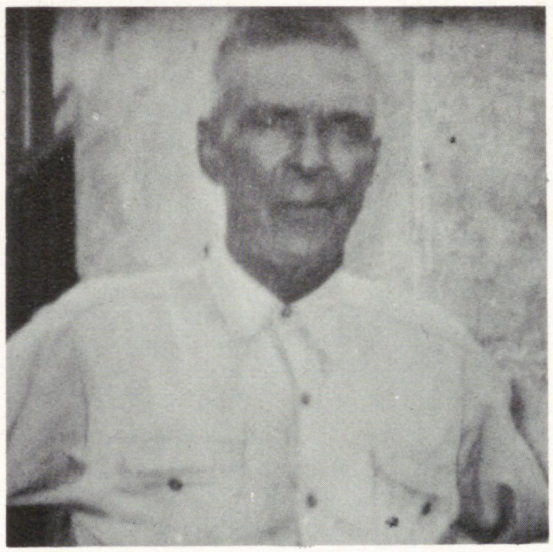

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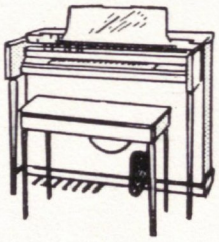

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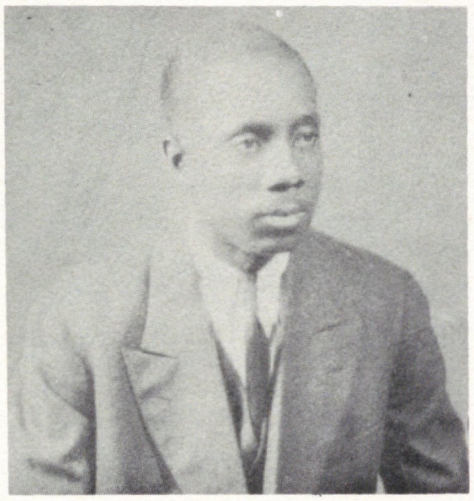

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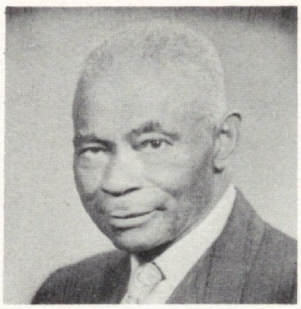

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